



Lectionary Texts for next Sunday, May 3rd:

Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

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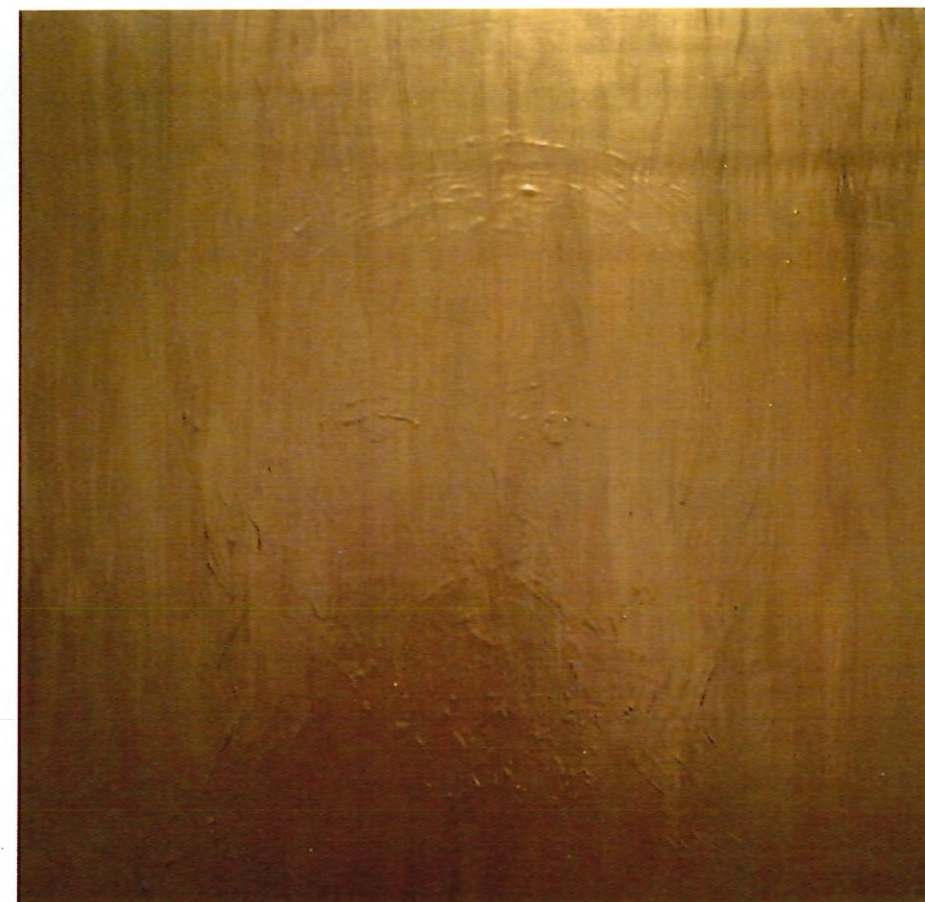


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Mission Statement

United Church of Ferndale's mission is to be a community led by the Holy Spirit, loving and serving each other and the wider world based on the life and teachings of Jesus, advocating for God's creation and creating a place where all are welcome and treated with respect.

UPCOMING LIFE OF THE CHURCH EVENTS

—Happy Mother's Day!

—The Visitation Team is being revived! Please contact Thatch or the office if you are interested in visiting our dear ones.

—Annual Church Spring Cleanup is being rescheduled, see office or Pastor Joel for more info.

—There is a GoFundMe to support the family of Joshua Smith (Ardis' son-in-law) and help with things like funeral expenses. Follow this code: <https://gofund.me/dd1acad52>, or see the Chimes for further details.

—If you would like to be added to the eChimes Newsletter email distribution list, email Desi our office manager at office@ucf1.org. Or scan the QR code to sign up!

—If you would like to be added to the Prayer Circle distribution list, or if you have a prayer request, email the office or Pastor Joel at pastor@ucf1.org.



**Please rise as you are able*

GATHERING THE CONGREGATION

*To assist you in worship this morning, we try to use language which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing or pray if they do not adequately express your faith. **Hearing Assist Devices** are located on the office countertop.*

PRELUDE Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth | FWS 2050 Roger Quiggle
Janzen (Norwich)/Smith / CCLI 3252345

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Joel Aosved

Let us center ourselves in silence and breathe deeply as we prepare to worship the Beauty and Goodness of the Divine.

... No matter who you/we/I are/am, no matter where you/we/I are/am on life's journey, you/we/I are/am welcome here. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kenn Robinson ✓

Refiner's fire, your purify us and wash us in the waters of our baptism. In gratitude and thanksgiving, we return these gifts to you now, that they may bring hope and light to a world in need. Amen.

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WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

*CLOSING HYMN

The Gift of Love | UMH 408
Hal Hopson / OL 95068

Veronica West ✓

BENEDICTION

Rev. Joel Aosved ✓

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | UMH 89
Henry Van Dyke / OL 84005

Roger Quiggle

dwell. God did this so that human beings would seek, reach out for, and perhaps find the One who is not really far from any of us – the One in whom we live and move and have our being. As one of your poets has put it, ‘We too are God’s children.’ If we are in fact children of God, then it’s inexcusable to think that the Divine Nature is like an image of gold, silver or stone – an image formed by the art and thought of mortals. God, who overlooked such ignorance in the past, now commands all people everywhere to reform their lives. For a day has been set when the whole world be judged with justice. And this judge, who is a human being, has already been appointed. God has given proof of all of this by raising this judge from the dead.”

John 14:15-21 – The Inclusive Bible

If you love me and obey the command I give you, I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper to be with you always – the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you. I won’t leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you’ll see me; because I live, and you will live as well. On that day you’ll know that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who obey the commandments are the ones who love me, and those who love me will be loved by Abba God. I, too will love them and will reveal myself to them.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
 Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

*HYMN

The Power of Your Love
 Geoff Bullock / CCLI 917491

Rev. Joel Aosved

Veronica West

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR BLESSINGS

Kenn Robinson

We are called to be more than hearers of the word, but doers of the word as well. Let us fulfill this calling by sharing God’s love and concern with the world.

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WE APPROACH GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Joel Aosved

One: Gather us in, O God.
 Many: **Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.**
 One: Bring us into your presence, Holy One.
 Many: **From suffering and pain, save us.**
 One: Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.
 Many: **On the highways of life, guide us.**
 One: Make us your disciples, Great Spirit.
 Many: **As we worship this day, lead us home.**

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OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Joel Aosved

Holy flame, burn away our fears and regrets, that our spirits may shine like burnished gold. Refiner’s Fire, purify our lives like precious silver, that our hearts may glow with holy love. Forge of truth, mold us into vessels of compassion, that our lives may reveal your glory. Amen.

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*HYMN

Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living) | UMH 356 Veronica West

Anon, traditional Spanish melody / OL 16733

LAND AND LABOR PRAYER OF YEARNING

Kenn Robinson

All: Fulfiller of our lives, we yearn to embody your commandment to love and pursue what we know is right. We long to ease the plight of others, even as we seek our own comfort. Nurture our hope this day, as we fulfill your commandment of love, that we may live as your children and abide in your Spirit.

One: We know in our hearts that the very Cosmos is sacred. Your scriptures remind us, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” and all that is in them. We continue to experience it saturated with You, the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

Many: **Deep down, we know that all places are sacred, especially these very places surrounding us that the Lummi Nation and the Nooksack Tribe have partnered and cared for since time immemorial.**

One: We recognize the work that continues in the shadows for our collective benefit. Yet, so often we don’t know how to participate in the world other than joining the tragic legacy of colonization, genocide, extraction, and continuing oppres-

sion that exploits workers.

✓ **Many:** We acknowledge and repent for the ways the church has harmed our siblings and the cosmos (often in your name, O God) when we the church have not followed your longing for us – the longing to live in deep *shalom* with the world around us, our neighbors, and ourselves. Keep breaking open our hearts to see where we can stand in solidarity with others, to bring forth your Beloved Community.

✓ **All:** As a church community who follows the teachings of Jesus, we affirm our commitment to issues of social responsibility and justice. We commit, no matter where we are throughout the world, to working alongside our neighbors to partner and care for the very cathedral, the very cosmos we call home. In doing so, may we learn new ways to love and honor one another, the cosmos around us, and you, the One in whose image we are made. Amen.

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✓ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
AND LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

Kenn Robinson

✓ **One:** On the other side of trials, rest in the sanctuary of God's healing love. Come, let us share the peace of Christ with one another – the peace promised through the Holy Spirit. May the peace of Christ be with you.

✓ **Many:** May the peace of Christ be also with you. (*Wave to each other or offer a joyful peace sign. Have you considered sending a personal greeting of peace, love and grace via social media, email, text, phone or snail mail?*)

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YOUTH MOMENT

Rev. Joel Aosved

May the Love of God Fill You

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✓ **May the love of God fill you from your head down to your toes.**

May it wiggle through your fingers and dance upon your nose,

May the people all around you help you live so loving grows,

May the love of God fill you up until it overflows.

(Youth may go to Youth Ministry)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Joel Aosved

AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We will begin our prayer with a time of centering silence.

*We invite you to call out your prayer (or type in the chat)
ending with:*

"O God, hear our prayer."

We will respond: **"and in your love, answer."**

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy reign come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

***And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the reign, the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

WE LISTEN FOR THE HOLY

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Kenn Robinson

One: Search for God, seekers of the way.

Many: Where shall we go to find what we seek?

One: Grope for truth, disciples of wisdom.

Many: Where shall we look for answers?

One: Listen for the Word of God.

Many: We will listen with the Spirit's help.

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HOLY SCRIPTURE

Kenn Robinson

Acts 17:22-31 – The Inclusive Bible

Then Paul stood up before the council of the Areopagus and delivered this address: "Citizens of Athens, I note that in every respect you are scrupulously religious. As I walked about looking at your shrines, I even discovered an altar inscribed, 'To an Unknown God.' Now, what you are worshiping in ignorance I intend to make known to you. For God who made the world and all that is in it, the Sovereign of heaven and earth, doesn't live in sanctuaries made by human hands, and isn't served by humans, as if in need of anything. No! God is the One who gives everyone life, breath – everything. From one person God created all of humankind to inhabit the entire earth, and set the time for each nation to exist and the exact place where each nation should

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